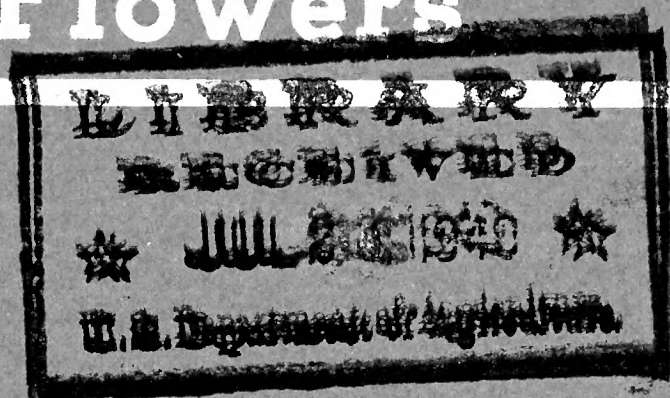


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DELPHINIUM

INFORMATION BOOK

HOODACRES

Originating Gardens

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HOODACRES ORIGINATING GARDENS

Where the Tall Delphiniums Grow

First home of the world's only double pure WHITE DELPHINIUMS and where other new plants burst forth from the unseen into earth life. Some of these are announced in this catalog and other introductions will follow. Many new colors and new forms are born here.



I wish to thank those who have reported results on the plants or seeds from Hoodacres, and add that any help I am able to give on your plant problems will be cheerfully rendered.

Unusual interest centers about HOODACRES WHITE varieties and the rare new shades made possible only through them. I shall appreciate any items from those growing them, as well as any interesting clippings relating to Delphiniums.

HOODACRES is located directly on the famous Columbia River Highway, easy to reach from Portland. Take Sandy Boulevard to Birdsdales Avenue and the large "Hoodacres Delphiniums" sign on the corner. (Midway between Portland city limits and Troutdale.) The largest displays of Delphiniums in bloom are through June, September and October. Visitors always welcome.

Flower catalogs in general assume the "poetic license" to embellish with exaggerations. We strive to make Hoodacres products better than the descriptions. Let us know if you think we have not succeeded.

CHAS. F. BARBER

COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY

(Mail and wire address) **Troutdale, Oregon**

Phone, Gresham (LD) 5071.

A REQUEST — Should the person receiving this Delphinium booklet have no need for it, a double favor will be conferred by passing it on to someone who may be interested.

TALL OAKS AGAIN

Saginaw, Mich. "We could do nothing but marvel at the plants you shipped us last spring. They were so tiny that you shipped approximately seven dozen in a shoe box in the spring, but during the summer those plants gave us magnificent spikes of flowers, nearly as tall as the writer, and they had very little attention, account of illness. Better than 90 per cent of the white plants were white and utterly marvelous."

CHASTE WHITE DELPHINIUMS

The New HOODACRES WHITES

One of the loveliest flowers imaginable is a well grown White Delphinium. Its beautiful formation and glistening purity charm when other white flowers do not appeal, and even one spike introduced in a vase of others makes the high-light, so essential to a perfect picture. Upon the vigorous foundation stock of Hoodacres plantings has been born a new race, called HOODACRES WHITES, a revelation to the world and the dream of many come true; the most surprising Delphinium development of the century.

Albinos of the past have been weak and of little worth. Quite as by magic these white creations came, leaving the hybridizers puzzling as to how it was brought about. But the Unseen is a world of actuality and there all things first exist. All we can do is to co-operate in making the conditions on this plane suitable for the reception of such new things.

Be wary of counterfeit "HOODACRES WHITE" Delphiniums. We can be in no way responsible for the character of seeds not grown and packeted here.

THE WHITE MAGNET

Wilmette, Ill. "The Pearl Necklace I raised from your seeds was the center of attraction at the North Shore Flower Show this summer."

THE VITALITY OF YOUR STOCK

Hamburg, N. Y.: "Wish to report on the White Delphinium seeds purchased from you last August. Germination was about 100 per cent and what plants I have this spring! Cannot be beat for size and root growth. Seeds purchased elsewhere and planted in the same cold-frame and at same time, have nothing to transplant from them this spring. That speaks volumes for the vitality of your stock."

MOST BEAUTIFUL EVER SEEN

Great Falls, Mont.: "The Pearl Necklace seedling you sent last year was one of the most beautiful things I have ever seen."



HOODACRES WHITE, VELVABEE Vaulting an Eight-Foot Fence.

WHITE VARIETIES

Pearl Necklace: Large flowers of the purest glistening white and carried on a splendid size spike. This is an outstanding creation with its vigorous growth and luxuriant foliage. Strong plants \$5.00 each.

Angel's Breath: The same double, pure white large flowers as above but with a center of fawn. Beautiful combination. Strong plants \$5.00 each.

Velvabee: Clear white double flowers with centers black. For the charm of vivid contrast and purity this variety excels. Specimens attain a height of seven and eight feet, with spikes of proportionate lengths. \$6.00 each.

The Bride: Imagine a Pearl Necklace Delphinium with a charming blush in place of the pure white blossom and you have a picture of The Bride. \$5.00 each.

Pearl Necklace Seedlings: Excellent specimens; large, pure white and double, but with slight variations from the parent that only the very critical would recognize. Although of greater value they are placed in one class to meet the demand for a true Hoodacres White at \$2.00 each. 15% off on 6 or more.

Velvabee Seedlings: Of the same quality as Pearl Necklace Seedlings but possessing the Velvabee characteristics. \$2.00 each.

For **Young Seedlings**—White—see page 7.

White Seeds, page 9.

OUGHT TO BE A GOOD JUDGE

Honeoye Falls, N. Y. "The tallest Delphiniums in my two-year-old corner were from your seeds. They were the most gorgeous I have ever raised, in over twenty years of devotion to Delphinium culture."

MR. BROWN WON WITH HOODACRES

Peekskill, N. Y. "I received two World's Fair Gold Medals and the Gold Medal of the New York Horticultural Society for two groups of Delphiniums at the New York World's Fair. The most of the Delphiniums shown were Hoodacres and of the 200 spikes shown on June 26th not one had less than 50 inches of flowers, while the July 6th exhibit was even better."



The HOODACRES WHITE varieties represented above are, in order of placement: VIKING, PEARL NECKLACE, ANGEL'S BREATH, VESTA, VELVABEE and a many-petaled specimen.

PLANTS — COLORED VARIETIES

OF HOODACRES HYBRIDS

Cannot be too highly recommended. From many thousands of plants, we select each season, at time of blooming, by a system of careful checking and labeling, a limited number of exceptional merit that are distinguished into light, medium and dark shades. These are grown into strong blooming specimens before they are sent out and are known as **SELECTED HOODACRES HYBRIDS** and **HOODACRES-WREXHAM HYBRIDS**.

SELECTED HOODACRES HYBRIDS — \$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.75, 12 for \$10.00.

HOODACRES-WREXHAM Hybrids
Superior for size, coloring and general excellence. \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, 12 for \$18.00.

IN-BETWEEN — The plants which in field-checking are carefully rated for the **SELECTED** and **HOODACRES-WREXHAM** grades, leave a limited number almost equal in quality, and these we place in a class at the nominal price of \$5.00 per dozen, or 6 for \$3.00.

UN-NAMED HOODACRES HYBRIDS are sold from the general planting, after all doubtful ones have been eliminated when in bloom. Many forms and colors. These give remarkable satisfaction and frequently single specimens are found to be worth the cost of a dozen. The price is low enough to encourage liberal planting. \$3.00 dozen, 2 dozen \$5.00.

Hoodacres White. Prices on page 4.

NOTICE — We now make free delivery on plant shipments to any destination in the United States, when the amount is \$1.00 or more. Our system of packing carries them in good order. **Fall shipment is strongly advised for mature plants.** Young seedlings in spring.

THESE VIGOROUS ROOTS

Philadelphia, Pa. "My plants all arrived safely. The Wrexhams were magnificent specimens; I've never seen finer roots. They have put up some leaves already."

PLANTS — YOUNG SEEDLINGS

Topmost quality. Spring shipment, before June first. Good condition arrival guaranteed. The demand each spring for small unbloomed plants is now met. They are from August sowings, carried through winter in outdoor frames, insuring splendid vigor for late summer blooming. Prepared to ship safely anywhere on the North American continent. From following seed stock, specimen plants:

Complete Range of Shades and Forms.

Light Shades only, finest varieties.

Dark Shades only, finest varieties.

12 for \$1.50, 24 for \$2.50. Less than 12 and 4 or more 25c each. We pay parcel post charges.

WHITE YOUNG SEEDLINGS

Seeds taken from choicest White plants. \$3.00 per dozen, 2 dozen \$5.00, 3 plants \$1.00. Percentage of white plants not guaranteed but produce 80 per cent here.

HOODACRES PACIFIC COAST DELPHINIUMS

—have been developing over a period of more than 25 years. Remarkable for great range of rarest coloring, variety of floret forms and towering spikes of luxuriant bloom, these features rest on the great constitutional vigor of the strain. We are constantly complimented on the root system carried by our plants. And they are grown without irrigation. Also, they bloom twice in the season.

Earlier in our extensive growing of Delphiniums we employed stakes made of spruce $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch size and $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet in length. Later we had them made six feet long and now our seven-foot ones are none too tall for some of the plants. We use them as insurance against unlooked-for storms.

You can now buy genuine Hoodacres Delphinium plants, grown in our own fields and delivered, **transportation free**, in as perfect condition as from 50 miles distant, and at no greater cost than seedlings of indifferent parentage.

WHAT THEY ARE BRED TO DO

Hazleton, Penna. "Received the Hoodacres White Delphinium seedlings last spring. This June I took First Prize on White Delphiniums at the Hazleton Flower Show."

SEEDS—OF HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS

One of the most exacting operations at Hoodacres is the protection and collection of seeds from prepared specimen plants. Only such are used—we do not gather from the general planting. All seeds we send out are from the latest harvest season and therefore as fresh as possible. The new crop ready for distribution about August first.

All Hoodacres seeds are from double flowers, unless otherwise stated, and their seedlings are notably free from the rogues, culls, which too often develop from over-praised stock. Our seeds bring pleasing surprises at every turn.

COMPLETE RANGE of Shades and Forms. From finest individual plants. Not the ordinary "mixture" of left-overs. Into this class we are putting each year seeds of the newest things, some of which we have insufficient stock to offer separately. **Nowhere in the world is there offered a mixed packet of Delphinium seeds so filled with new colors and highest quality.** Liberal packet \$1.00.

BOUNTY BLEND: A generous packet carefully chosen from field specimens, representing all colors. Not the "mixty-maxty" sort commonly put up. (This supplants our ALLTYPES packet as an improvement.) Pkt. 50c.

BLUE BOY: As a splendid advance over Gentianet we have perfected the deep blue tones and now offer their seeds. They are well represented by the illustration, page 15. To get perfect blue in both front and back sepals is a real achievement, and these plants are splendid vigorous specimens, some growing to eight feet. The coloring may be described as bright gentian. Pkt. \$2.00.

CONSPICUA: Extraordinary centers, surprising contrasts. Some of these are deep blue or purple carrying extra large white centers; others are medium shades with immense jet black and all are beautiful. Seeds only, \$2.00 pkt.

REX OREGONUS: A class having broad tapering spikes, in the various color tones. A marked improvement over previous pyramidal forms. \$2.00.

ARE THEY GRAND?

Paulding, Ohio: "I have 190 of your plants, three years old and, Oh, Boy! are they grand? Have them in my back yard; they were all about seven feet tall."

MISTLAND BLUE: In double-flowered Delphiniums self blues are rare. This is a charming medium tone, between azure and intense blue and sometimes called "powder blue." Pkt. \$2.00.

OPALSPIRE: As the name indicates, the tones run close to opal effects. They suggest also mother-of-pearl, delicate pink and pastel shadings. A beautiful development through the Hoodacres Whites. Pkt. \$1.50.

PINK RAPTURE: Utilizing the other good qualities of Sunrise Pink, great improvement has been made towards color perfection, as well as size of flowers. It is a charming mauve-pink. The name well conveys its character. Pkt. \$2.00.

RED RAMA: A color that stands out strongest among Delphiniums. The petalage is intense violet-red in contrast to the white center. Pkt. \$2.00.

THE WONDROUS: From an assembly of specimen Delphiniums, extraordinary for size of florets, we have selected a group of the best for seed parents, the standard of size being at least two and one-half inches and running light to very dark. \$2.00.

SEEDS OF HOODACRES **WHITE**

Originator's True Stock

DOUBLE WHITE VARIETIES: Carefully selected mixture from choicest plants. Pkt. \$2.50.

PEARL NECKLACE: The Queen of all White kinds. Pkt. \$2.50.

ANGEL'S BREATH: The fawn-centered White. Pkt. \$2.50.

VELVABEE: The flower of contrast, Black and White. Pkt. \$2.50

SHIP'S MAST: Clear white throughout, tall and magnificent. Pkt. \$3.00.

THE BRIDE: A pink tinged Pearl Necklace. \$2.00.

Any seed order from this catalog amounting to \$6.50 for \$5.00. Amounts in excess of \$6.50 at 25% discount. (This does not apply to plants.)

Unless otherwise demanded, all seed orders received after June 1st will be filled from the new crop, ready about August 1st. August planting will bloom the following summer.

THE CLASSIFIED VARIETIES, DOUBLE

These separate shades are from our high-class stock and include some kinds that were formerly listed under distinct names.

LIGHT

NAVAJO: White centers, and
OTTAWA with dark or black centers.

MEDIUM

PAWNEE: White centers, and
QUAPAW with dark or black centers.

In this class are the true mauves.

DARK

RAMA: White centers, and
SHASTA with dark or black centers. These represent the rich purples, violets and blue-violets.

SEEDS of above Classified varieties.

Packets, separate only, \$1.00 each, the six for \$5.00.

The PINK SENSATION Delphinium

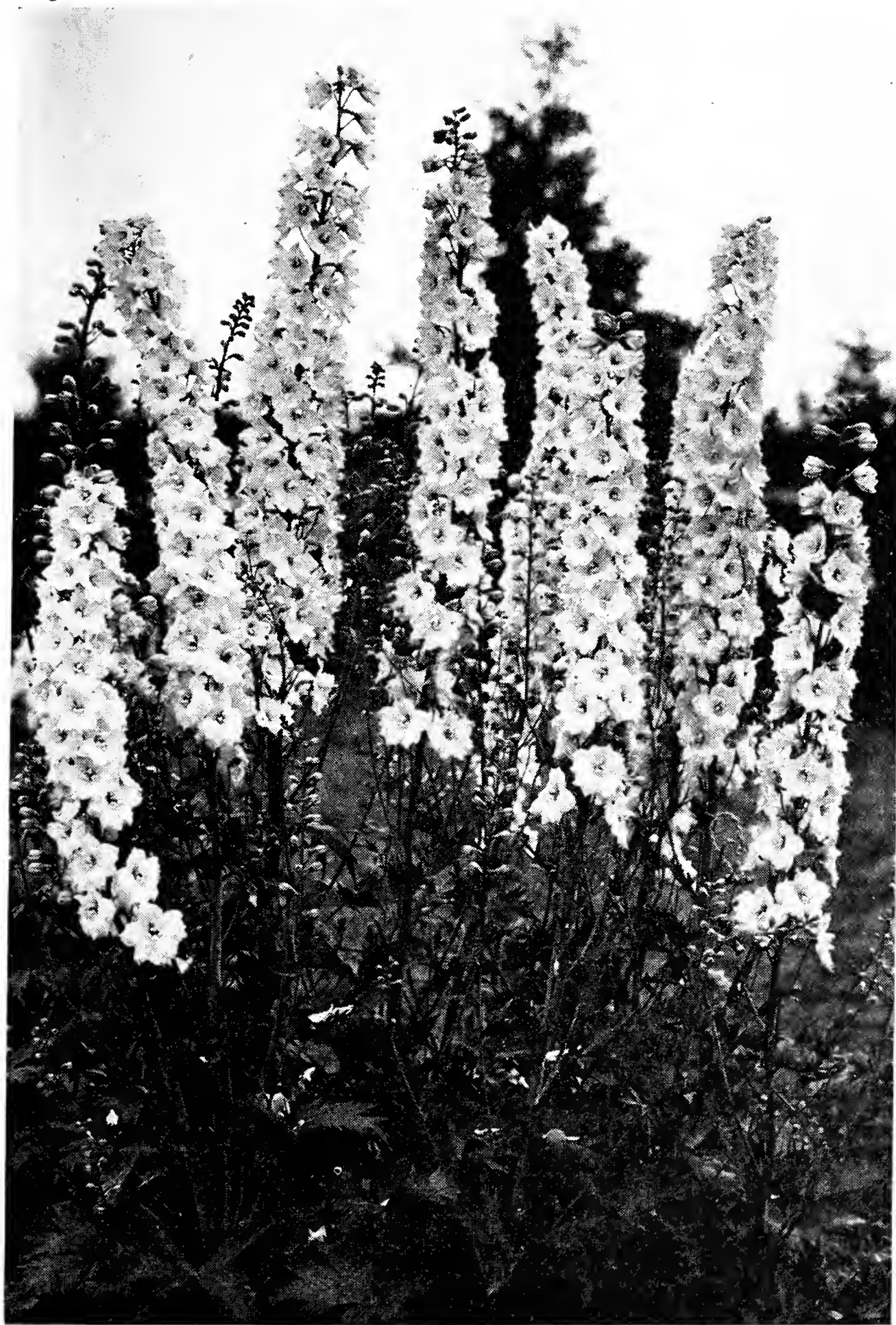
Small single flowers, rose pink in color, on three to four foot plants of the belladonna type. Does not make seeds. Good plants \$1.00 each.

SEEDS of the Surprising

RUSSELL LUPINS

The parents of these seeds were specially selected and sent us direct from the Baker Nursery in England, the official distributors. They are accordingly of higher quality than the ordinary stock of Russell Lupins.

When blooming this and the past seasons they created a real sensation and many who passed on the Highway stopped to give them a close inspection. The single colors and combinations of two colors were new and very beautiful. They build up into fine large plants, very effective in the garden. 50c a packet.



SHIPS MAST, Hoodacres White, one plant.

How to Grow Delphiniums from Seeds

Hoodacres seeds are harvested throughout the month of July and are ready to send out the first week in August, just in time to be sown for carrying over winter.

The seed-bed, whether flat, cold-frame or open ground, cannot be too carefully prepared. Avoid any risky element in the soil. We must both encourage the seeds to germinate and have congenial conditions ready for the sensitive infant plants. When pots or flats are used put ample drainage material at the bottom, shards or gravel, and over this some sphagnum or peat moss. A good seed soil is two parts virgin soil or its equivalent; one part leaf-mold from deciduous trees, one part sharp sand (more in heavy soil). Mix well, sift and put in enough to bring the layer to within an inch or so of the finished surface. On this strata sprinkle a light mixture of fine charcoal and sulphur in about equal parts, and add remainder of the soil.

Level and press smooth before planting the seeds. The soil should be neither wet nor dry but just nicely moist. Sow the seeds in shallow drills, never more than one-fourth inch deep, and fill with fine clean sand, or sand and soil. **Never let the seed-bed dry out for even a moment**, nor should it be kept soggy. Cover lightly and shade till plants appear, then gradually give stronger light.

Seeds in a temperature below 60 degrees or above 75 may not be harmed if the condition lasts only a short time but these are danger lines.

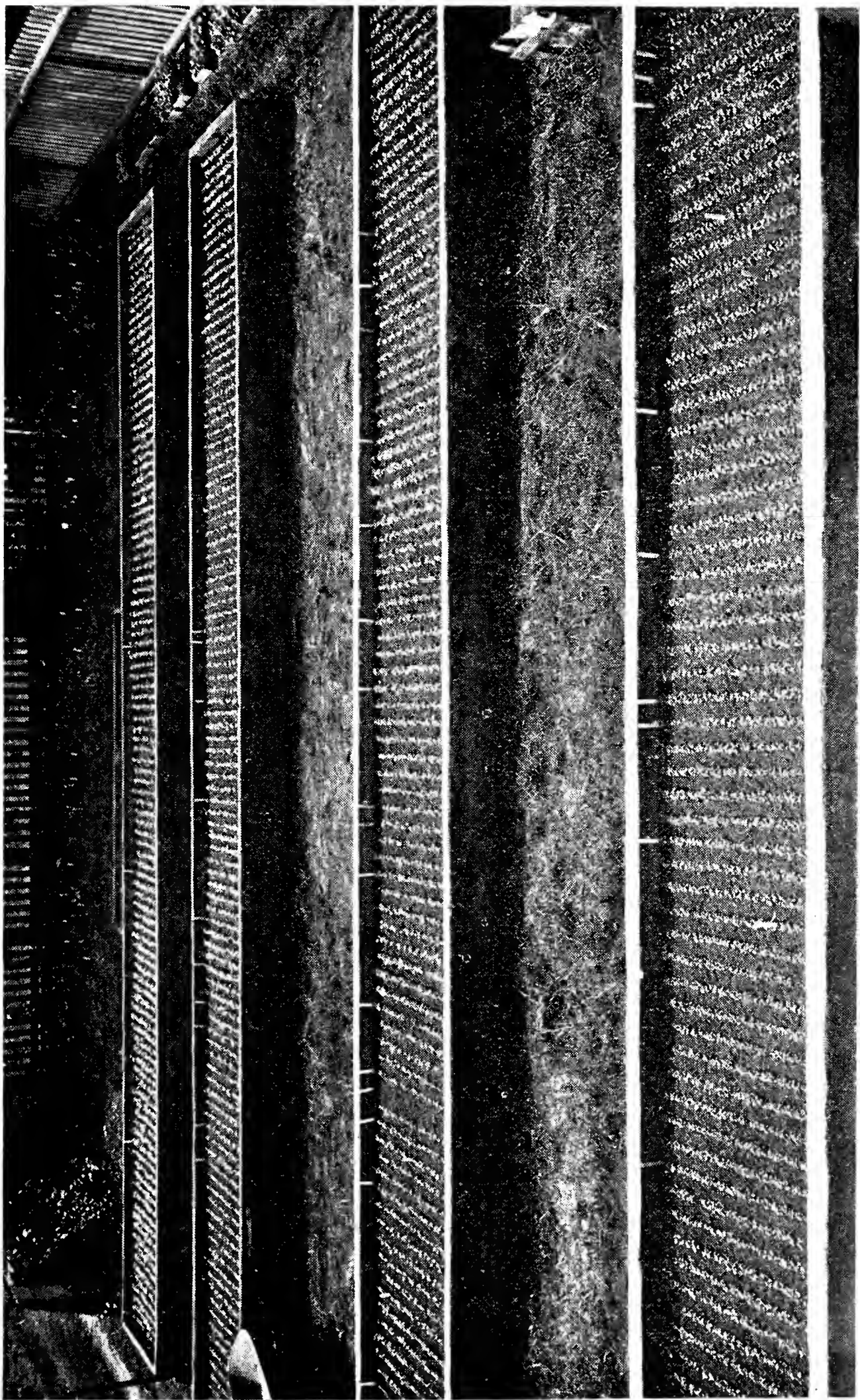
For August sowing a cold frame is best and except in severe climates no sash is required; the plants can remain in them until time to set in permanent places. They will flower the following summer. Very early spring sowing in gentle heat (greenhouse or hotbed) will often produce bloom the same season.

A half-inch layer of sand on top of seed-bed will afford winter protection, and discourage slugs.

It is unsafe to sow out-of-doors after August (except in California and similar climates), as frost will lift the too small plants.

Delphinium seeds are only at their best when fresh and should not be counted upon when more than one year old. The fresher they are the more prompt will be germination. We never send out old harvesting. Count on an average of two weeks for Delphinium seeds to show germination.

TRANSPLANTING of August-sown seedlings should be deferred until spring in most sections.



August-sown Frames at Hoodacres. More than forty varieties of Delphinium seeds. Note the remarkable uniformity in germination. The one row in second frame which failed was a hand-pollinated cross with a rare foreign species.

The Coldframe

It does not take much training in garden practice to recognize the importance of a cold-frame for seed sowing, yet many side-step this valuable garden aid. Perhaps they fail to sense the principle of the thing and its implications, thinking only of a pictured affair made by the carpenter with factory sash on hinges, plus a good-sized cost bill to pay. That kind is fine for some but for others a large wooden box, donated by the hardware man or grocer, will do wonders when its bottom is knocked out. What we are really after is protection and control.

Locate your improvised or full-fledged frame in a southern exposure if possible, for it is easier to do some shading if necessary than to shift the sun. Fill at least six inches above outside level with ordinary soil to insure perfect drainage and ease of operation. (We use a foot or more.) Two inches of special seed soil will afterwards be placed on top of this. In places where moles spade their way underground, wire mesh should be tacked to the bottom of the frame. Our own concrete frames are floored with concrete, perforated for drainage. In heavy winds the sides help to break the shock.

(Excerpt from article by Chas. F. Barber in the 1938 Year Book of the American Delphinium Society on "From Dry Seeds to Living Delphiniums.")

TALL AND BEAUTIFUL TOO

Algonquin, Ill. "The Delphiniums grown from your seeds have been the talk of the town, some having been eight feet tall and in the most beautiful coloring I have ever seen, while the Pearl Necklace seeds produced their perfect whites."

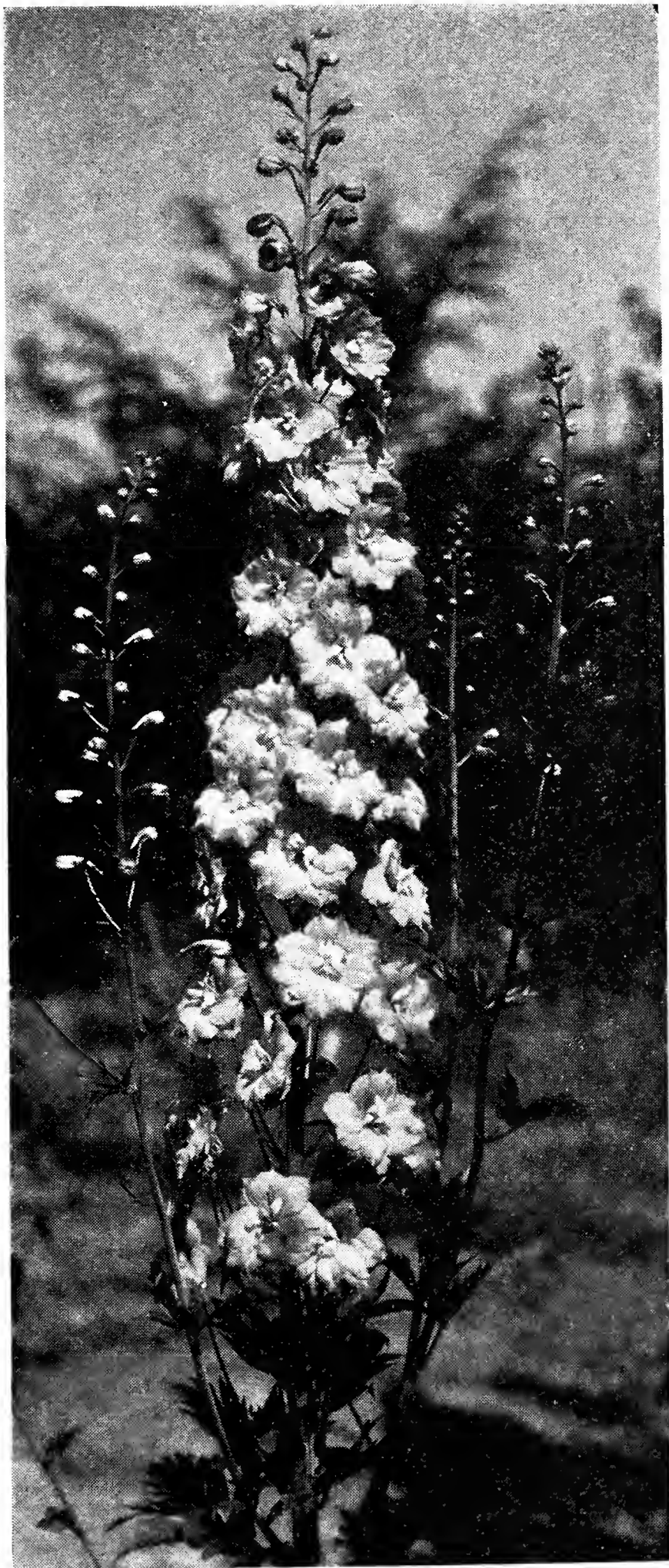
THE TEST OF TIME

Nipinnawasee, Calif. "Would like to have you know that my Hoodacres Delphiniums grown from your Complete Range packet are still the most beautiful and vigorous; superior in every way to all others, and I have tried several kinds."

Bowling Green, Ky. "Your slides are wonderful and the audience 'Ohed and Ahed' throughout the lecture. From the enthusiasm shown am afraid there will be quite a few backaches from preparations for Delphinium beds."

CALIFORNIA CONDITIONS

Glendale, Calif. "The seeds received last fall were planted, against your advice, late in October, and wintered outdoors. They gave splendid results in spite of most adverse conditions. Are in bloom now—gorgeous colors and sizes."



BLUE BOY

For color see Gentianet, page 21, but has white center.

Delphinium Culture

Mature plants are safely moved throughout the fall and very early spring. Except in very wet, cold soils, autumn planting is strongly recommended. They are not checked when spring growth starts.

After getting well-grown plants, allow a two-foot space for each and open the earth to same depth, and 12 inches in breadth, filling the lowest foot with a mixture of very old manure and garden soil, with a good sprinkling of raw bone meal, thoroughly incorporated with the soil, then tamp.

Where the sub-soil is very heavy, dig the hole six inches deeper and fill that depth with coarse gravel to insure perfect drainage. Then for the upper half add to your very best garden soil a good half pint of this mixture: raw bone meal, commercial potash and sulphur, equal parts. If soil is naturally acid include a little lime. Mix this very thoroughly with some dry soil before incorporating with the larger amount. Set crowns two inches below the surface, the roots well spread and soil firmed against them before leveling. Avoid dense shade, roots of trees, and stuffy locations.

When growth first starts in spring, dig around each plant a trowel of bone meal, mixed with an equal amount of hardwood ash or commercial potash. Cut faded spikes to prevent seeding. It is the nature of hybrid Delphiniums to bloom a second time in the season and as the second growth appears the old stalk yellows, is no longer required, and should be cut down. After a short resting period, give another supply of bone meal and ash, being careful not to destroy the fine surface-feeding roots, and water as needed. If the weaker growths are removed when plants are a few inches high, the remaining ones will benefit. Well-grown Delphiniums will bloom the first season after planting and, being true perennials, should, with favorable conditions, increase in size and grandeur each year.

In much heated sections, as the Southern States and Southern California, the best time for watering Delphiniums seems to be in very early morning, as evening sometimes proves unsafe. Frequent ground-stirring is better than heavy watering in such sections.

As figs do not grow on thistles, no matter how we tend them, no more can you expect show spikes on your Delphiniums if stock is procured from unskilled growers.

If all fertilizers are first mixed with a larger amount of dry soil they will work without injury.



One Plant of REX OREGONUS

HOODACRES AUBRIETIAS

Semi-trailing alpine perennials. The catalogs list wall, rock-garden and edging plants by the thousands and merit must attach to each one for somebody, somewhere, sometime; but when the casual visitor comes into your garden in spring it will be to ignore most of the demure things, but a good planting of Aubrietias will be a feast for all, and one can afford to forget their congeners for the time. They just will not be outdone in liberality of bloom and insist upon getting started bright and early to carry on for a couple of months and scatteringly still longer. Their hillocks of solid color, violet, purple, blue, crimson and pink tones are glorious. The pale shades from imported seeds are not effective. Our development of these plants over a long period has brought exceptional size and coloring. Note their effectiveness in mass.

Pink Parachute: Soft dianthus pink. Mounds beautifully.

Purple Knoll: Rich glowing violet-purple.

Plants 40c each, 3 for \$1.00, dozen \$3.75.

SEEDS of the various colors, mixed, 50c packet.

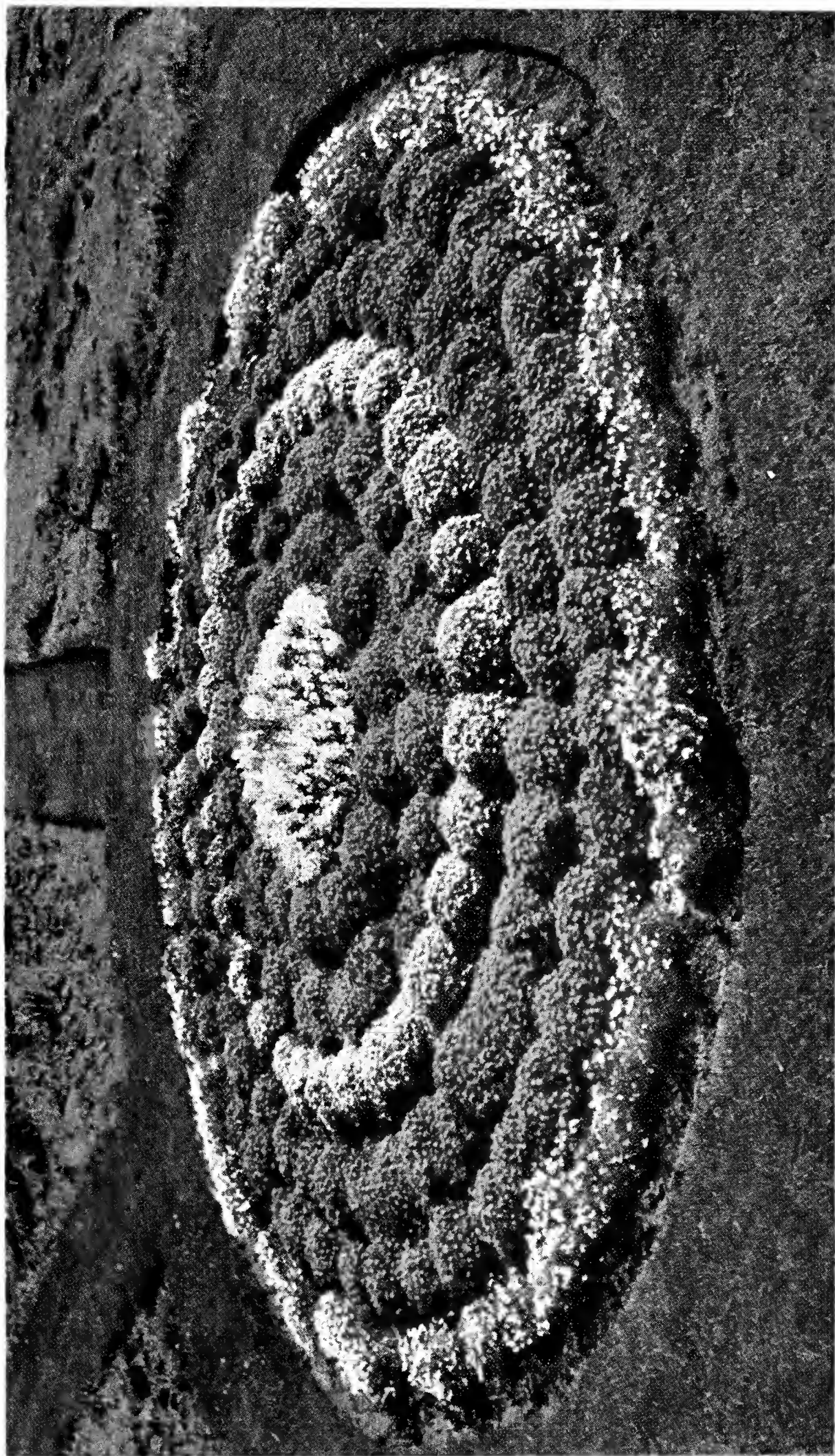
LITHOSPERMUM (Gromwell)

Heavenly Blue

The rock garden is really incomplete without this incomparable blue plant. It is evergreen and trails as a small prostrate shrub. Its mats are covered in May and June with blossoms the size and shape of large Aubrietia flowers, but "heavenly blue" in color. 50c each, 12 for \$5.00.

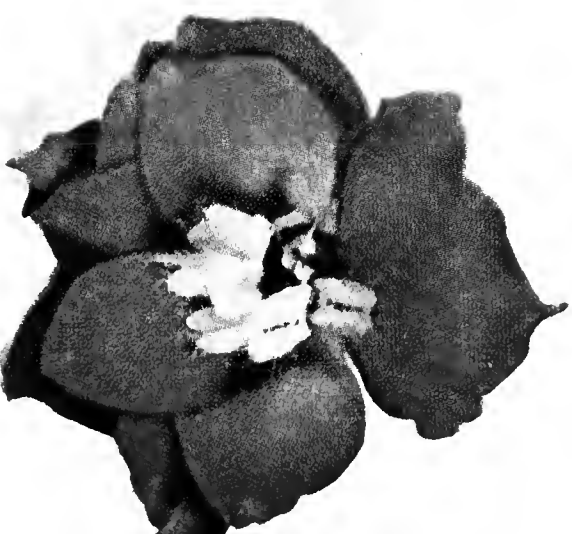
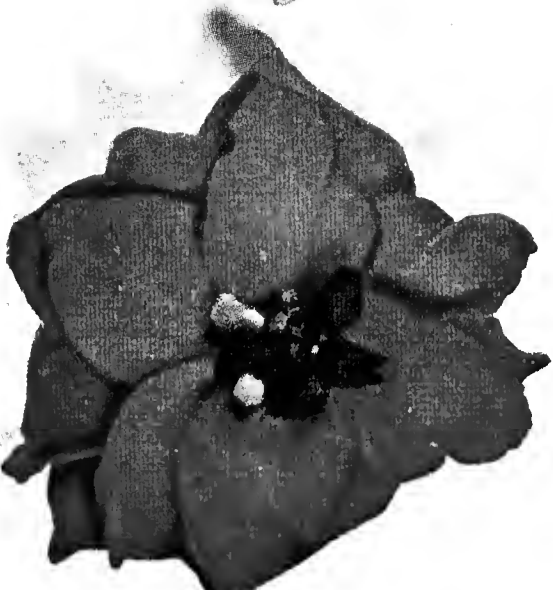
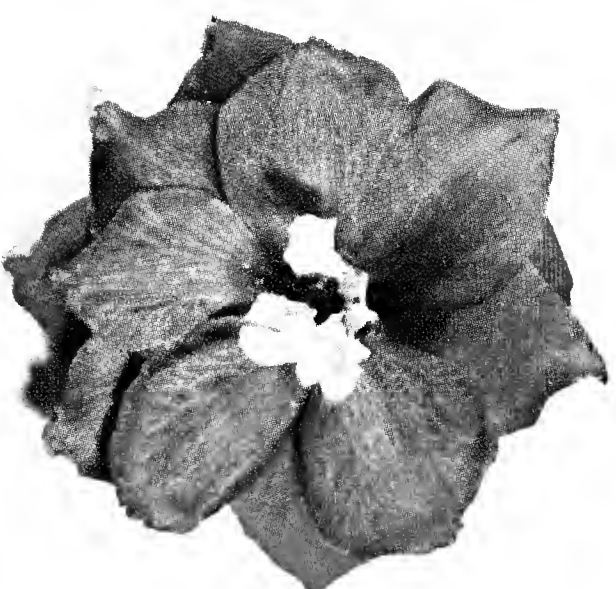
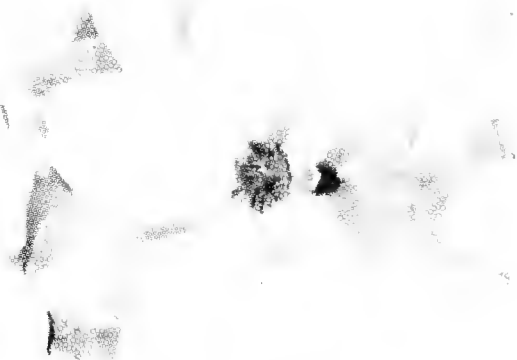
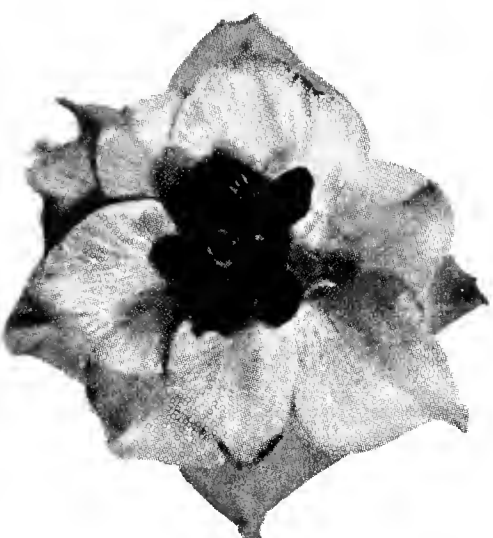
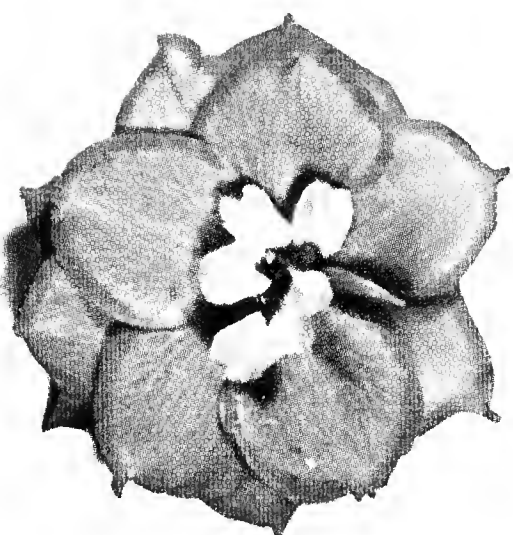
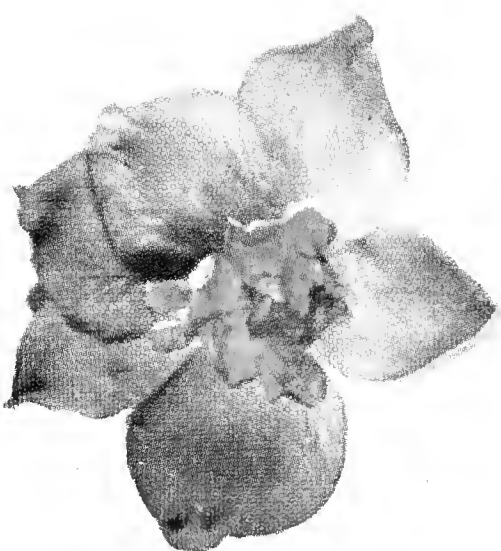
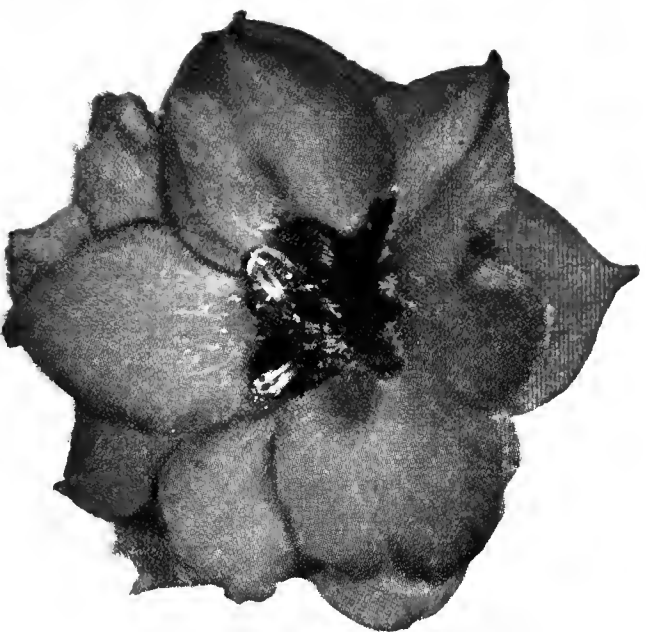
COREOPSIS Grandiflora fl. pl.

This splendid **double** form of the hardy bright yellow border plant is rarely seen. Our stock produces full double flowers. To maintain its perfect doubling the plants should be divided every third spring. It displays bloom most of the summer and is always dependable. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.



Hoodacres large-flowered Aubrietias. Bloom a long period in spring.





Variety Names — Mistland Blue (seeds).
Sarah Barber.
Manzanita (seeds).

SUGGESTING THE COLOR RANGE IN HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS
Conspicua, single.
Decoration.
Chief Grandin.

Opalspire (seeds).
Sunrise Pink.
Mauve Mantle (seeds).

Conspicua (seeds).
Gentianet (seeds).
Rama (seeds).



SOME HEMEROCALLIS TYPES

THE STAMINA OF HOODACRES HEUCHERAS

Wilmette, Ill.: "You asked me to report on the Coral Bells sent during this hot weather (late June). When they arrived the moss was almost dry, the leaves slightly yellowed and there was a touch of mildew on one root. I heeled them in, in the shade, for a day or so and when I took them up for planting they were already sending out new roots. Now they have new leaves so I am sure they are all right."

HEMEROCALLIS — The DAYLILY

Most effective border plants in their greatly improved forms, that bloom after the plethora of flowers is past. Tones of yellow and gold and heights from eight inches to four feet. New shades and largest blossoms. Deeply dug soil, well enriched, will show in size and abundance of blossoms.

We have screened out many of the new varieties which have had fictional praise and list here such as our own tests have demonstrated worthy to recommend.

Ajax: Orange-apricot coloring; early blooming. 75c.

Calypso: Large lemon-yellow; the finest of its shade. A Burbank origination. \$1.00.

Crown of Gold: Fine large, deep orange, and blooms early. \$2.

Cressida: One of Betcher's best; deep orange with reddish band. 80c.

Dover: Deep orange, medium height. 50c.

Dumortieri: Low growing, rich cadmium yellow. 50c

Flava: The "Lemon Lily", a good doer. 25c.

George Yeld: English variety. Large orange flowers. \$1.00.

Golden Dream: Well named, deep golden yellow. 80c.

Hyperion: Large canary yellow. A.M. from the RHS. \$1.50.

J. A. Crawford: Outstanding in color, form and performance. Large rich apricot yellow, vigorous. \$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.50.

Kwanso fl. pl.: Long blooming yellow and fulvous. 50c.

Margaret Perry: Attractive two-color petals, profuse blooming habit. 50c each.

Mikado: Flowers large orange, with a fulvous ring midway of the petals. Medium height. 75c each.

The Gem: Fine yellow; a real gem. 75c.

Exceptional Group Price

Our stock is excellent and quite large this year, so we offer a Collection of any five different sorts at just HALF PRICE.

WHEN DELPHINIUMS BLOOM

If you have seen a garden of Delphiniums in full flower, ranging from the hue of a starless twilight to that of cloudless summer noon, you will know that gardeners could not think wholly of profit and grow Delphiniums.

It is simple enough to lose one's heart to any flower. The loveliness of it grows in the loam of one's heart and blooms there until the season of that flower is anticipated and a hunger comes for the witnessing of it. And the flower stalk rises from amid the foliage, and buds appear, and eagerness hovers the miracle. It will be soon, now. It is in this wise that gardeners watch the Delphinium, and more observantly than any other of the garden's guests.

There are tints past dreaming, as must ever be the case when the creative artistry vies with the fancy of mortals. To walk among them is to feel that providence is not unmindful of beauty, that it takes thought of the nurture of the spirit, and that the Delphiniums hold speech with you. Ben Hur Lampman, the Oregon poet.



WHITE MAJESTY

Delphinium Pests

The clean garden discourages many enemies, especially the bacterial ones. Decaying litter provides them a good home.

Avoid fresh manure near plants as you would the pestilence. And use any high-powered fertilizer with extreme caution. It is safer to stick to the plain old-fashioned foods that we all know how to deal with.

Before the Delphiniums start growth in spring a lime-sulphur soaking of the soil, at the orchard strength of ten to one, is an excellent precautionary measure.

In some sections there are spasmodic attacks of the so-called "Blight" or "Blacks"; technically it is known as "cyclamen-mite." It produces distortion and blackening of the growing plant. As the roots may not be affected, the plant should be cut to the ground and burned. A weekly spray of "Rototox"* should keep it in check. Our Oregon stock is free from this pest.

If there is a tendency to mildew or black-spot, adding Black-leaf 40 to the lime-sulphur at the rate of one tablespoon to three gallons of water, is recommended. Fortunately, Hood-acres is quite free from these disturbances.

Slugs will sometimes leave home merely by the use of sharp sand strewn over the ground, but more persistent breeds may need copper sulphate crystals crushed fine and scattered where they raid. This is very poisonous and must be handled accordingly.

SUBJECTS FOR THE CAMERA

Great Falls, Mont. "My Coral Bells received from you have been outstanding. Every color camera fan has taken pictures of them."

South Orange, N. J. "My order received in good condition. They are all large healthy plants and I am sure will thrive. The Delphinium and Aquilegia seeds are growing beautifully."

GET ACQUAINTED WITH JAP IRIS

Vallejo, Calif. "I want to take this occasion to tell you how very much I enjoy the beautiful Japanese Iris I've purchased from you. I have nothing in my garden quite so beautiful and I don't understand why they are not more generally grown."

*Rototox Company, East Williston, N. Y.

HOODACRES HYBRID HEUCHERA

"Coral Bells" or "Fairy Flowers"

A new race of these sparkling flowers. Greater size and vigor, many new colors and improved blooming quality. Handsome evergreen foliage. 12 to 18 inches. An ideal edging plant for all the year and brilliant with color over a long period. An ornament in the rock garden and a lasting cut-flower. When this plant is grown in colonies it becomes a revelation of beauty. One of our specialties.

CULTURE OF CORAL BELLS — Soil that is not too heavy and preferably somewhat sandy. Bone meal and potash reliable as fertilizers, but use sparingly and spade in thoroughly.

Important — Taking some divisions each spring from the older plants will insure vigorous blooming stock. Cut them out close to main root and each piece will be found to have roots attached. Shade these and keep watered; all should grow.

Angelus Bells: Charming medium tone of coral.

Bobolink: Bright rosy pink, medium height.

Carillon: Near to Queen of Hearts color, but smaller flowers.

Coquille: Soft "Spaniel Pink".

Coralie: Bright rose red, seedling Q. of H.

El Coralio: Bright coral seedling of Rain of Fire.

Florabelle: Shade deeper than Melody, fine.

Hermes: Spray-like flowers, tall, flesh pink.

Lenore: Medium light pink, half dwarf.

Light of Allah: Enchanting tall "Rose Red".

Maybird: Rose pink, half dwarf, profuse.

Melody: Light, an abundant bloomer, fine for massing.

Mission Bells: Light rose red. Half dwarf.

Pink Delight: New, "Begonia Rose". Profuse.

Pink Princess: Deep "Eosine Pink", extra bloomer.

Springtime: Large medium pink.

Tanabel: Warm rose pink, medium height.

Wedding Bells: Lively coral, abundant bloomer.

Above varieties 30c each, three for 85c, 12 for \$3.00.

Charmeuse: Exceedingly fine and attractive, very light pink. Long blooming. 60c.

Heart's Desire: "Begonia Rose", very large bells. 60c.

Queen of Hearts: Deepest glowing coral-scarlet. Has no rival in the world. 40c each, 12 for \$4.00.

HEUCHERA SEEDLINGS: Varying shades, mostly corals, \$2.00 per dozen, 6 for \$1.25, 100 for \$12.50.



Hoodacres Hybrid Heuchera

HOODACRES Strain of AQUILEGIAS (Columbines)

The plants with beautiful foliage and always charming flowers, for sun or shade. The Hoodacres strain is notable for its large flowers and long spurs, but especially its new deep colors. Packets contain the deeper colors along with medium and light shades, well proportioned. Pkt. 50c.

SEEDLINGS from our finest stock, blooming size. \$2.50 per dozen, \$1.50 for 6.

PHLOX, PERENNIAL, Roundelay

Having developed a Phlox which is ideal in color, performance, and adaptability to the forefront of borders, it is offered now in the catalog. It has been sold to those who have seen it growing here, but now that we have sufficient stock it can have a wider distribution. The color is a smooth salmon-pink in large trusses which hold well. 50c each, dozen \$5.00.

SEEDS OF HOODACRES HYBRID HEUCHERA

There has been frequent demand for seeds of our famous Heuchera and we have now prepared to supply them. In the packets are the finest varieties, such as Queen of Hearts, the best coral-scarlet in the world, together with the range of shades, including the new Charmeuse and a few whites. 50c a packet.

REGALE LILIES

All the Lily world now knows what good doers these are, so a description is not needed. Our stock is of excellent quality, and the prices low. Blooming size, 15c each, \$1.25 for 12, 6 for 75c. Medium size, 25c each, \$2.25 dozen, 6 for \$1.25. Large bulbs, 35c each, \$3.50 per dozen, 6 for \$2.00. (To get free delivery, the bulb order must amount to \$1.00 or more.)

ALL DOING WELL, THANK YOU

Towaco, N. J.: "The Tower Bells and Columbines came in fine condition and are growing well in spite of the awful weather. The Delphs from your seed last fall are wonderful."



Individual plant of Hoodacres Aquilegia. Typical for size of blossom and length of spur.



THE BRIDE
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DOUBLE BLOOMING

The hybrid perennial Delphinium is urgent to repeat its early summer performance and bloom again later. This generosity on their part suggests that we give them a good feeding when the first display passes and not neglect watering.

All Delphinium plants, except Small Seedlings, are one to two years old. **No charge for packing or transportation.**

Fall shipments begin about the middle of September and continue into November.

The Hoodacres method of preparing and packing plants for shipment fits them to stand long journeys in good condition.

The Test of Seed Trueness: In a solid planting of seedlings, 60 x 60 feet square, from seeds gathered in our regular white section and bloomed out in 1935 for the first time, 83% of all the plants were White. Such a record for a new Delphinium variety has probably never before been made.

Turning Delphinium seeds over to the regular florist to germinate is often risky. We give growers the benefit of over thirty years specializing with them, but the professional resents being told. As aristocrats the Delphinium race insists upon having its own way, too.

BEAUTY BELLS

Double flowered Campanulas, in the TOWER BELLS class but like one wistaria-violet cup inside another, and extra large. They are free flowering, standing erect, not quite so tall as Tower Bells. 40c each, \$4.00 dozen.

TOWER BELLS

Campanulas of the new "Giant" peachbells class, standing four to five feet high with tough stems, clothed their length with great bells of Wistaria Violet. Splendid Delphinium companions, hardy and long blooming. 40c each, 3 for \$1.00, dozen \$3.50.

IN A GARDEN

There is healing in a garden:
My heart was torn—and when
I thrust my trowel into the ground
The trowel was needle to my wound.
Evenly stitching to repair
The serrate edges of the tear.
Into my torn heart Peace came stealing.
In a garden there is healing.

—Laura Miller.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS ABROAD

The reports coming from our growers in various parts of the world show especially the adaptability of Hoodacres Delphiniums to many varying conditions. This is due to the inherent vigor of our strain, a quality which is being constantly built up by our method of breeding.

ENGLISH ADMIRERS

Newcastle-on-Tyne, England: "I have at different times sent your seeds to friends in England, from my home in Canada, and they are all very enthusiastic."

DELPHINIUM LANTERN SLIDES

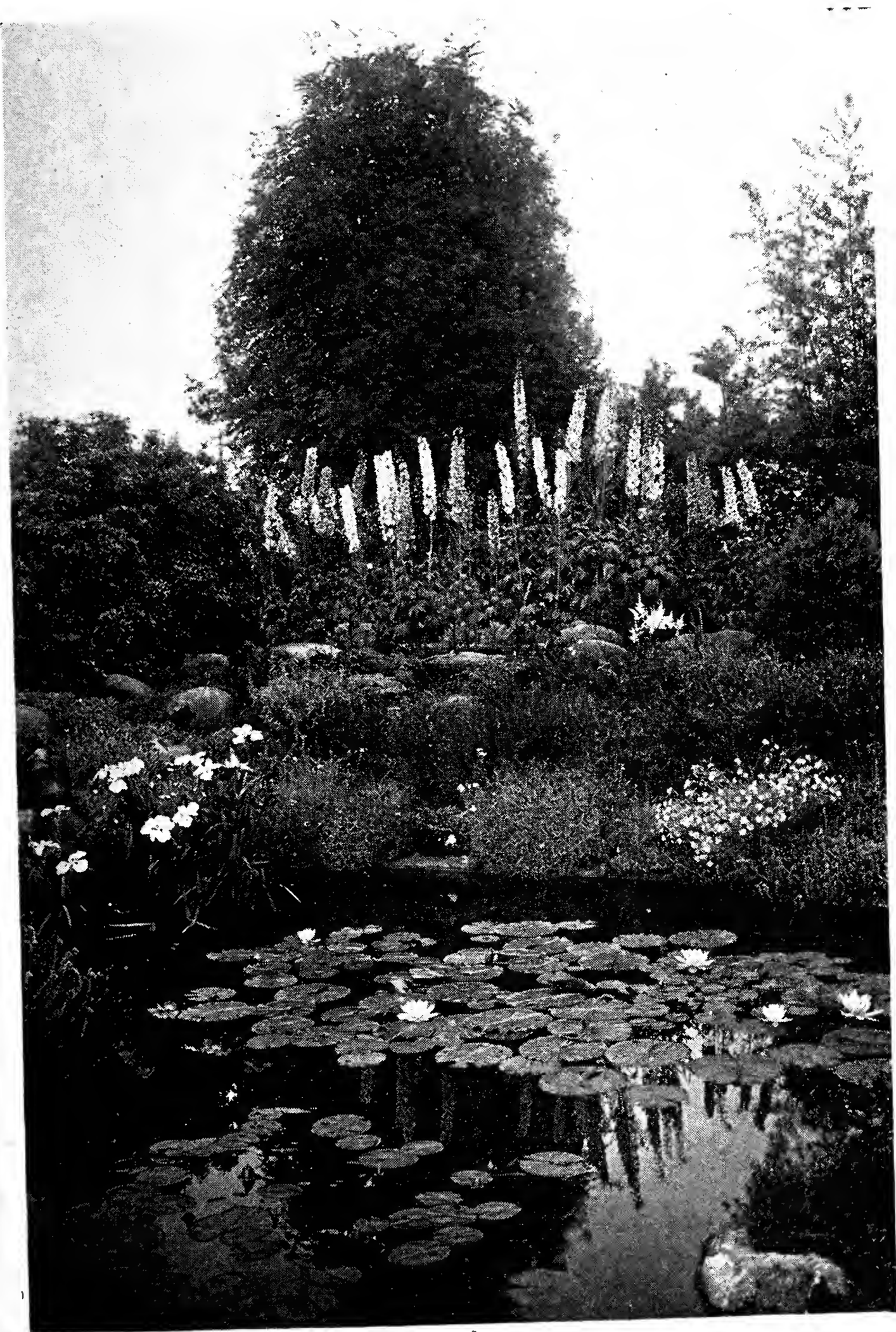
Beautifully Colored

For loan to Garden Clubs when DELPHINIUMS are to be featured.

The set numbers 60 artistic and exceptionally well executed subjects, mostly Delphiniums, with carefully prepared notes and a Delphinium talk. They are available to any accredited Garden Club, without charge, except payment of transportation one way.

In order to make sure of suitable dates application should be made as far in advance as possible.

The usefulness and appreciation of this set of Delphinium reproductions is attested by the fact that they are so often called on for repeat engagements.



A section of sunken Alpine Garden and Pool at Hoodacres.

ORIENTAL POPPIES

For splendor they occupy a place of their own. We have eliminated from our plantings all the old small-flowered and common orange kinds.

Plant in neutral soil of good quality, deeply dug, where they are to remain. Their roots are long and brittle.

For best results the Orientals should be moved in late August, as they make a fall growth and should not be disturbed afterwards.

Australia: Immense size, rich, deep carmine bowls standing three feet in height. \$1.25.

Joyce: Attractive and reliable, cerise. 50c.

Lady Moore: Glowing salmon-pink. Keeps its color and blooms along with Delphiniums; remarkable color combination, Holds when cut. 24 in. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.25.

Lord Lambourne: Deeply fringed petals, heavily blotched black at throat. 50c.

Mrs. Stobart: A new and rare English introduction, soft old rose. \$1.50.

Ponderosa: Large scarlet-orange, new. \$1.00.

The Chosen: Tall and distinct new variety, delicate shrimp pink. Holds well when cut. \$1.00.

Trilby: Another outstanding Oriental. Large shapely blossoms of lustrous red, petals crinkled. An important feature is its late-blooming quality which happily extends the season. \$1.00 each. Holds cut.

VIOLA . . The New ROBERTUS

Having experimented with many varieties of Violas which promised to meet the all-round conditions required of a plant to be grown in the various climatic sections, Robertus appears to possess the ideal qualities. Its flowers are very large and a beautiful shade of "Pleroma Violet". It blooms from early spring to late fall, and builds into a large plant ready to be divided in early spring, making numerous others. 35c each, 12 for \$3.00.



Among the outstanding Japanese Iris recently originated here, this one is singularly beautiful. Its name, **PERFECT PEACE**, is well chosen. Pure white—the dark bars represent gold in throat. Note the remarkable crest.

HOODACRES GIANT JAPS

PICTURESQUE JAPANESE IRIS FOR AMERICAN GARDENS

Their form, their markings and their color effects are distinctly Oriental, and strike a new and captivating note of garden pleasure. The foliage is upright and ornate, in contrast to the coarse leafage of some other plants.

It is difficult to express by words the many variations in tone that result from nature's use of violet shades and white, embellished with gold, which are the prevailing base colors of the class. Yet they run from the most intense red and blue violets or purple down through their most delicate shadings to pure white. Many of our newest hybrids are particularly charming in tender orchid tones.

Their culture is easy, but exacting as to their simple wants. The soil must be deeply dug and on the acid side which excludes lime and bone meal. Leaf mold and manure may be used quite freely for richness. Then be sure that before and during the blooming season there is no lack of moisture in the soil and if your plants are well chosen you will marvel at their size and opulence. But do not expect them to be at their best the first season after planting. Best planted in full sun.

This list of Japanese Iris is truly one of outstanding originalities and not of out-dated mediocrities. Many named varieties have been discarded as too far below our standard and thousands rogued for the same reason. Too many growers are loth to eliminate stocks which have been superseded in quality. If out of a thousand hand-crossed seedlings we get two or three of rare merit we are pleased, but such plants cannot be sold at the price of the ninety-and-nine.

We are now prepared to distribute some of the splendid new blue varieties evolved here at Hoodacres; they are large and impressive. Good blues have been a need in the Japanese class.



Our Visitors from Japan

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Azure (68): Great wavy petals of mauve-blue deepening towards the golden arrow at base. Double. 50c.

Barona (157): Rich strong blue with fine white veins towards center. Double. \$1.25.

Blemona (3): Three falls petals violet veins on white, standards all violet, conspicuous. 50c.

Blue Edge (17): Double. Strong blue edge on white. 50c.

Blue Giant (90): Semi-double blue, shaded violet. 75c.

Blue Skies (66): Light orchid blue, large attractive double. \$1.00.

Cayuga (212): Large reddish, gray white midribs and styles. Double, large. 75c.

Charlotte (27): Bright violaceous-blue with gray-white mottling, yellow bar. Beautiful single. 50c.

Close of Day (179): Six beautiful deep blue petals. 50c.

Dancing Girl (S84): Mulberry purple, large crest. Double. \$1.

Ecstasy (21): Red or russet band to white center, single. An unusual and attractive coloring. 50c.

Elbrus (23): New clear lavender, near azure. Double. \$1.00.

Escutcheon (64): Fine medium blue with heavy gray veins. Double. \$1.00.

Fire Blue (57): Intense dark blue effect with fine veins and a heavy crest of midnight blue. \$1.00.

Fra Elburtus (200): Intense blue-violet six. Deepest coloring, yet holds in sun. Large double. \$1.50.

Fujisan (51): A perfect flower. Plants most vigorous and abundant bloomer. Shades of fine light blue-lavender. Large double and fairly tall. \$1.00.

Glorywine (107): Winy veins on gray white, winy halo to gold shaft. Unusual coloring. Double. \$1.00.

Ho-o-jo (169): Large double, "velvety rose". 50c.

Ki-ko-to (210): Very large bluish violet. Double. \$1.00.

Kin Lee (148): Fine large medium-toned double; deep orchid. Holds color well. 50c.

Lao Tsze (196): Light wistaria violet, large double. Deeper and larger than Elbrus. \$1.00.

Lena Rivers (HA49): Very large single, broad white petals, surmounted by lightly veined standards. 30 inches. 50c.

Light-in-the-Opal (22): The newest, finest and largest in pink Japs. Double. \$2.00.

Lucie Marshall (69): A spectacular large double. Pansy-violet intensified with broad gold spear, surrounded white and white pistils. Universally admired. 50c.

Mahogany Glory (S82): Fine double, rich mahogany red. 75c.

Morning Mist (S87): Fine single white with faint blue over-cast. 50c.

Mrs. Fred Honey (Sm90): Large double flower of velvety mulberry purple, prominent gold bars. Beautiful new variety. 75c.

Mrs. John Hawker (Sm45): Unique in its distinct and rare coloring of coerulean blue. Flowers double. Highly valuable to the connoisseur. \$1.25.

Mu-ra-Saki (S83): Very large, blue haze, mottled white. Six petals. Double. Outstanding. 75c.

Norma (45): Fine lavender pink touched with blue halo. Double. 75c.

Osage Chief (215): Warm purplish red; small halo streaming from gold center, double. Suggests the variety Ocean Crossed, at present sold out. \$1.25.

Party Dress (235): Very large, soft blue violet, double and with splendid crest. \$1.50.

Perfect Peace (S18): A marvelous new flower. Purest white throughout, very large, with tall frilled crest in place of the usual standards. Its waxen purity is most captivating. \$1.25.

Redhof (119): Reddish tone of purple. Double. 50c.

Rose Hugh (65): Double russet red and white, bright and tall. 75c.

Shin Ran (222): Glowing orchid, large, crested and double. Fine blue halo. \$1.25.

Smith's Glory (Sm93): Strikingly large and imposing. Purple with winy veins, giving a russet cast. Bright gold bars. Double and one of the newest. 75c.

Tamisra (165): Extra large, double, strong blue violet. Holds color in sun. \$1.00.

Triumphus (224): Deep blue double, fine crest. \$1.00.

Violet Giant (205): Rich violet shading to rose, large double. \$1.00.

Violet Tower (197): Much blooming, "Manganese Violet," large, tall and double. 75c.

Whistling Indian (226): Large three petal "petunia violet" with gray white spray from throat. 75c.

White Cavalcade (194): Large double white, with very faint lines at throat. Remarkable lasting quality. \$1.00.

White Dress (84): Tall double white, prolific bloomer over long season. Golden spades at base. 75c.

Discount: 15% off on 5 or more, from prices quoted above.

IRIS—Continued

Bounty Collection: In addition to above we are growing many varieties ranging from 50c to \$1.00 each, of which we have insufficient stock to list. These together with surplus of our regular kinds we are including in this collection, well balanced for color. \$2.50 for 10. Delivered.



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